

February 9, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: P - Michael Schneider  
THROUGH: P/D - John Mosher *Am glad to discuss*  
FROM: P/DH - Saul S. Gifter *SG*  
SUBJECT: Request for Approval of BU Communications  
Short Course for Afghan Representatives in  
U.S.

With reference to the P/DH Update Addendum on the project of February 4, attached is a copy of the BU proposal for a 1-week intensive training program for Alliance representatives temporarily based in the U.S. This short course has the approval of the Post, P/G, State-NEA and the endorsement of NEA.

If approved, the substance of the proposal will be cabled to USIS/Islamabad/Peshawar so that all Afghan information Groups and news services which presently have representatives in the U.S. have the opportunity to participate. No training of Afghans in Pakistan is contemplated under the terms of this course because of time and budgetary reasons. P/DH recommends approval of this proposal.

Attachment:  
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United States Information Agency  
Under the Freedom of Information  
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APPROVE 2 DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 2/10/87  
DISCUSS \_\_\_\_\_

*Before proceeding however is there a problem  
in training people who appear to be  
seeking to influence Americans? Are Afghans  
who would attend worthy largely on  
global support for Afghanistan? Influence  
impul. project*

Office of the Dean



Rec'd 2/9/57

Dr. Saul Geffer, Director  
Afghan Media Staff  
U. S. Information Agency  
301 4th Street, S. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20547

Dear Dr. Gefter:

Boston University herewith requests an amendment to our grant to provide a one-week intensive training program for bona fide representatives of the information committees of the Afghan Alliance parties. This program is intended for representatives currently based in the United States, but will also be open to representatives from organizations based in Pakistan.

We have reviewed some of the material now issued by the information committees. We feel that they could benefit from a training program emphasizing more advanced skills in writing, editing, publications production and graphics. We also plan to offer exposure to video editing, photography and public relations techniques. Such an intensive program would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Afghan Media Project by helping to improve the flow of effective communication by the Afghans. Since there are now a number of groups based in the United States, it would seem appropriate to extend our efforts on their behalf to assist them in acquiring some advanced communication skills.

This proposal provides for a five-day training program for a maximum of eight trainees at our facilities in Boston. College of Communication faculty and staff will provide a program of instruction suited to the needs of the individual participants.

I suggest that we also consider, for the future, having some selected Afghan information representatives participate in our Public Communication

Institute in July. I am enclosing information on this Institute, which is an excellent program for introducing participants to the field of communication.

Should you approve of this plan of action, please let us know as soon as possible. We will begin to put the program in place when hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. Joachim Maitre', written over a horizontal line.

H. Joachim Maitre  
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HJM/pr

AFGHAN MEDIA PROJECT BOSTON INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM (BASED ON 5 PARTICIPANTS)

**SALARIES:**

Faculty (8 hrs/day @ \$35/hr X 5 days	1,400.00
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**FRINGE BENEFITS:**

21.9% Salaries	307.00
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**TRAVEL:**

5 trips DC/Boston/DC @ \$125	625.00
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**SUBSISTENCE:**

5 days Boston @ \$75/day X 5 participants	1,875.00
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<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>	<b>4,207.00</b>
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